



REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING - OPERATING
TUESDAY JANUARY 15, 2019

Minutes of the Budget (Operating) Committee meeting held on January 15, 2019, at 1:35 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Halton Hills Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor R. Bonnette, Councillor J. Fogal, Councillor M. Albano, Councillor J. Hurst, Councillor T. Brown, Councillor B. Lewis, Councillor W. Farrow-Reed, Councillor M. Johnson, Councillor B. Inglis, Councillor A. Lawlor

REGRETS: Councillor C. Somerville

STAFF PRESENT: A.B. Marshall, CAO,
S. Jones, Clerk & Director of Legislative Services,
C. Mills, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works,
J. Linhardt, Commissioner of Planning & Sustainability,
W. Harris, Commissioner of Recreation & Parks,
J. Diamanti, Commissioner of Corporate Services,
H. Olivieri, Chief & Commissioner of Fire Services,
M.J. Leighton, Manager of Accounting and Town Treasurer,
G. Cannon, Chief Librarian

* Denotes Change From Council Agenda

1. OPENING OF THE BUDGET MEETING

Mayor Bonnette called the Budget (Operating) Committee Meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Bonnette called upon Members of the Budget Committee to declare any pecuniary/conflict of interest they might have on the agenda this date.

The following were declared:

Councillor J. Hurst declared a pecuniary Interest with respect to the Acton Business Improvement Area Budget and with respect to the Acton Youth Centre Operations as he owns the building that the Acton BIA and Youth Centre are located. He did not partake in any discussions or voting on these items.

3. OPERATING BUDGET DELEGATIONS

NIL

4. PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Moya Leighton, Treasurer and Manager of Accounting** Presentation to Budget Committee regarding the 2019 Proposed Operating Budget.

M. Leighton noted that the Town portion of the Operating Budget is being presented at 3.9% as per Council's direction. Overall, with the proposed regional budget and education rates, the impact would be an increase over 2018 of 2.4 % which amounts to an increase of \$19.96 per \$100k of assessment.

M. Leighton explained the key operating budget drivers including the new infrastructure gap levy, assessment growth trends, one-time adjustments and the proposed reserve contributions.

<h2>5. REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS – TWO (2) ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION</h2>

- a. **CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT NO. CORPSERV-2019-0002** dated December 10, 2018 regarding the 2019 Proposed Operating Budget and Business Plan. **(Recommendation No. BU-2019-0004)**

THAT Report No. CORPSERV-2019-0002 dated December 10, 2018 regarding the 2019 Proposed Operating Budget and Business Plan be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the proposed base Operating Budget levy increase of 3.3% be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT the proposed 0.6% dedicated levy to address the infrastructure funding deficit be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the formation of a Public Benefit Reserve Fund in accordance with Section 37 of the Planning Act;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2018 proposed Operating Budget for general Town purposes be approved at a net for levy amount of \$50,689,500, being a total Town tax levy increase of 3.9% excluding provisions for the Acton and Georgetown Business Improvement Associations, equating to an estimated overall increase of 2.4% including Town, Region and Education portions;

AND FURTHER THAT the Acton BIA expenditures included in the 2019 budget be approved in the gross amount of \$172,510 and having a net tax levy of \$95,065;

AND FURTHER THAT the Georgetown BIA expenditures included in the 2019 budget be approved in the gross amount of \$270,050 and having a net tax levy of \$212,050.

CARRIED

- b. **CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT NO. CORPSERV-2019-0018** dated January 7, 2019 regarding Ontario Regulation 284/09- Budget Matters- Expenses. **(Recommendation No. BU-2019-0005)**

THAT Report No. CORPSERV-2019-0018 dated January 7, 2019 regarding Ontario Regulation 284/09- Budget Matters- Expenses be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council adopts this report, which meets the requirements of Regulation 284/09 and outlines the 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets in a format that is compliant with the Public Service Accounting Board (PSAB).

CARRIED

6. **REVIEW OF 2019 OPERATING BUDGET**

Council reviewed overall budget summaries for each area outlined within the budget binder.

No changes were made.

7. CLOSED SESSION/CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FROM OFFICIALS

NIL

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Rick Bonnette, MAYOR

Suzanne Jones, CLERK